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sade as the generic name to use that week to provide a platform to raise the issue of spirituality and Christianity.

"We just wanted people to at least think about Christianity and decide 'yes' or no because you can easily go through college and never be faced with that question," Schmid said. "We didn't want to make anybody angry, but I think anytime you make Christianity an issue, some people are going to get angry."

His teammates had his back, though. Schmid was surprised at

how supportive his fellow Ducks were and of how many showed up on that Friday afternoon to hear him give his testimony of how he became involved with Christ.

"A lot of guys on the team who don't claim to be Christian were asking about it and interested in it, and were like, 'Hey, that's really cool,'" Schmid said.

But that doesn't mean he doesn't get ribbed now and then about it, especially with that "Do You Agree With Ryan?" bumper sticker still hanging in Adams' locker.

"I get teased about it, but it's all in good humor," Schmid said. "But really, that whole experience

taught me a lot. It was a big challenge for me to be in the spotlight like that and have my picture in the paper."

A nine-year-old hat

If Schmid had his way, the spotlight would stay on anyone but him. He's just a self-described "country boy" who feels that he's been blessed with certain skills and that to not make the most of those gifts would be a shame.

"The reason he is so successful on the field is that his life is so in order off the field," fullback Josh Line said.

As Schmid's final regular season game nears, the sore feet, knees, neck and shoulder aren't as notice-

able. He says he has laid awake at night this week thinking about the Civil War and hoping that the game will be one to remember.

He moved from Colorado Springs, Colo., to Lake Oswego in 1990 and remembers talking trash with his sixth grade classmates about his Colorado State Rams beating the Ducks in the Freedom Bowl. But soon, as he grew up in the state, he began to get into the Civil War and into the Oregon Ducks.

Now, Schmid's time with the program is almost up and he has no regrets. More than any one game or great play, as he leaves the program he'll take

with him the stories. He'll take with him all of his teammates and the relationships he's made through football.

And, with the cross always around his neck, he'll still take with him that Denver Broncos hat that he knows "Coach Zoom hates so much."

Schmid can tell what you're thinking. Isn't it about time he went out and treated himself to a clean, never-been-worn Broncos cap? After all, it has been about nine years with the same one.

"Oh, people have bought me new ones and I won't wear them," Schmid said. "I like this one too much."

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State. Michigan entered the heated rivalry game as the favorite and knew it had to beat the Buckeyes in order to share the Big Ten title with Illinois.

Plus, the Wolverines had the advantage of their home crowd in Ann Arbor, Mich.

You can probably guess what happened.

Unranked Ohio State toppled then-11th ranked Michigan, 26-20, knocking the Wolverines out of a coveted BCS bowl.

So that's two OSU upsets in rival games. Will there be a third that will take place Saturday at Autzen Stadium? No, and here's why.

All you have to do to know that the Ducks will beat the Beavers is stop, collect yourself, close your eyes if you'd like, and listen to Eugene native Chris Tetterton talk about last year's Civil War. Watch the affable smile disappear as the

face in between his long brown hair suddenly turns serious.

"That was one of the worst feelings I've had in my life," said Tetterton, a starting defensive tackle for the Ducks. "Walking off that field with their fans in your face, man. And getting on a bus to drive back here at night. ... It was a horrible bus ride.

"The guys that have been around here for awhile know how much the game means and know how crappy it is to have that feeling.

"More than the Texas win, the OSU loss hurt. The 12th game is always a gift, that's what you enjoy and we did. But the last game of the season is always Oregon-Oregon State and when you lose that one, it sticks with you for the rest of the year.

"So hopefully we won't have that feeling after Saturday."

Before Oct. 20, there was a part of me that thought a Beaver win on Dec. 1 was likely. Oregon was primed to get beat, as the fairy tale ride was bound to get knocked off course. But Stanford took care of that. The Cardi-

nal ruined Oregon's undefeated season. The Ducks have had their scare.

So unlike Oklahoma, Oregon won't lose. There won't be an ESPN camera crew inside the visiting OSU locker room, as there was with the Cowboys, catching them in a rowdy sing-a-long of the Oklahoma State fight song.

Oregon has a similar tradition. After each Duck win, and after Mike Bellotti has given his postgame speech, the players and coaches join together and belt out the Oregon fight song.

The last line is always sung the loudest: "OSU may fight to the end, but we will win!"

Oregon State won the Civil War last year and headed to the Fiesta Bowl. It's time to see if the Ducks can back up the confident claim in their fight song and do the same.

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Student Bowl Ticket Lottery - December 6
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A lottery for student bowl tickets will be held on December 6. **UO students must sign up in person for the lottery only at the Casanova Center Ticket Office from December 3-5.** UO student ID is required.

Student tickets for the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will cost \$75 and \$150 for The Rose Bowl presented by AT&T. Students may purchase only one ticket. **Payment is due at time of sign-up and can only be made with a Visa or Mastercard.** Credit cards will not be charged if the student is not selected in the lottery.

Postcard vouchers will be mailed out to winning students on December 7. Students may pick up their tickets at the bowl site and will be required to present their voucher and UO student ID.

Casanova Center Ticket Office hours will be extended to 9am-7pm for the week of December 3-7.
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